

# OPENS BRONX HOMES FOR UNION WORKERS

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Development Provides for  
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**WILL RENT AT \$11 A ROOM**

**Five of Six Apartment Buildings  
Are Nearly Full—Dinner in  
Honor of Occasion.**

Six five-story cooperative apartment houses, erected by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America to rent to workers for \$11 a room, were formally opened yesterday. Five of the buildings, which form a block at Van Cortlandt Park South, between Dickinson and Sedgwick Avenues, the Bronx, are already almost completely tenanted and the sixth will be ready for occupancy in a short time. Hundreds of workers inspected the buildings yesterday and in the evening nearly 500 guests attended a dinner in honor of the occasion at Ambassador Hall, Third Avenue and Claremont Parkway.

The unit, which provides apartments for 303 families, has been erected at a total cost of \$1,825,000. Tenants have an original investment of \$500 a room and a maintenance rental of \$11 a room per month. Credit for the original investment is extended to the workers through the Amalgamated Clothing Workers National Bank and the Jewish daily, Forward. Although the clothing industry financed the construction of the buildings they will be open to union workers in all trades, it was announced.

The buildings are constructed around a large rectangular court, which gives not only generous space for children's playgrounds but also plenty of light and air for each apartment. Individual apartments are furnished with shower baths, electric lighting and gas for cooking. A central oil burning furnace sup-

plies heat to all of the buildings. Each building contains its own gymnasium, reception room and sound-proof music room.

Following the public inspection of the buildings the tenants and their guests attended the dinner at Ambassador Hall. Among the speakers at the dinner were Representative F. H. LaGuardia, who characterized the completion of the unit as "the greatest step forward in housing improvement ever made in this city," and Mrs. Henry Moskowitz, who pointed to the new buildings as examples of what could be accomplished by municipal housing on the east side.

Other speakers were United States Circuit Judge Julian Mack, Justice Jacob Panken and Sidney Hillman, President of the Amalgamated Workers. Adolph Held, President of the Amalgamated National Bank, acted as toastmaster.